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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Lt. Gen. Clevis E. Byers,
Department of Defense.

Mr. William Minshull,
Office of the Special Assistant
to the President.

SUBJECT: Surprise Attack Safeguards Conference

Attached are four copies of a draft Objectives and Terms of Reference paper prepared in the Department of State for use by the U.S. Delegation to the technical-military talks on surprise attack safeguards. This paper does not, of course, include all elements of the guidance which will be furnished the Delegation; specific directions will be contained in the formal instructions to the Delegation.

As you know, there is need to move rapidly with further preparations for a possible November 10 meeting with the USSR. These preparations are dependent upon agreement within the government as to the terms of reference for the Delegation. I believe, therefore, we should have an early meeting of agency representatives to discuss the attached draft. I will be in touch with you by phone to arrange this meeting.

Philip J. Farley

Attachments:

Draft Objectives and Terms of
Reference paper (4 copies)

Information copies:

AEC: Admiral Foster

CIA:

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